GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TAMIL NADU
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is aware that Tamil Nadu is facing serious drinking water problem;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Tamil Nadu has taken up a desalinisation project worth crores of rupees;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Union Government propose to extend financial assistance to Tamil Nadu for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a): Tamil Nadu, Water Supply & Drainage Boardhas informed that there is no serious problem of drinking water in the districts of Tamil Nadu. However, Chennai MetropolitanWater Supply& Sewerage Board has informed that Chennai city is experiencing water scarcity once in three or four years in succession.

(b)to(f): So far as Ministry of Urban Development& Poverty Alleviation is concerned, there is no Centrally sponsored Scheme under Urban Water Supply & Sanitation Sector to provide assistance for installation of desalinisation plant in urban areas.